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For: AUTOMATIC CIRCUIT DESIGN  
APPARATUS AND COMPUTER-  
IMPLEMENTED AUTOMATIC CIRCUIT  
DESIGN METHOD

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.